**Meeting of the Small Intersessional Working Group on on POP wastes technical guidelines (teleconference)**

Date: 08th of February 2018
Time: 14:00h to 16h (Geneva Time)

For the list of attendees, please see Annex I of this document.

Agenda and summary of the discussion:

1. **Status of work:**
	1. The Secretariat recalled that revised Technical guidelines and new technical guidelines were sent to the SIWG in December 2017 for comments by 26 January 2018. Comments were received from various stakeholders and circulated to the group.
2. **Discussion per technical guidelines**
	1. PBDEs
		1. It was clarified to the group that the supporting document provided by the author and Norway will not be further developed. That was just a supporting document to initiate the revision process of the guidelines.
		2. The group discussed how to refer to decaBDE in the guidelines. The decision was to refer to decaBDE as BDE209 the first time it is mentioned in the guidelines, and thereafter only use decaBDE.
		3. The discussion about effectiveness of destruction technologies such as ASWI was suggested to take place under the General technical guidelines.
		4. A suggestion was made to include other examples of vehicles (e.g. trains, airplanes, etc), when possible, in different parts of the guidelines.
	2. General TGs
		1. On Table 1, the group agreed to add a line for decaBDE only, not mixing it with the other BDEs.
		2. On Table 2–Provisional definitions of low POP content (LPC)—not much exchange was possible. The issue seems complex and some members are still collecting information/experience to provide input. The group mentioned the need to discuss this item in a face-to-face meeting.
		3. Still on LPC, the group discussed the possibility of revising limits for other POPs (not only the new ones), e.g. PCDD and PCDF- in that case linked to inclusion of dioxin-like PCB in calculation, as it was mentioned and discussed in the face-to-face meeting of the SIWG in Bonn in February 2017. The Secretariat clarified that there is a mandate from the COP to continue the work on LPC.
		4. On Table 4–Destruction technologies—some inputs were provided before the meeting on this topic. The group discussed briefly the different proposals, which include additions and deletions, but it was not possible to achieve any concrete suggestion yet. The group mentioned the need to discuss this item also in a face-to-face meeting.
		5. The group discussed the need for supporting documents (e.g. journal papers, studies, etc) when suggestions are made to add or to delete any destruction technology, and/or the proposal of LPC values.
	3. SCCP
		1. The group discussed the issue of differentiating CPs from SCCP. Although it seems difficult to use and to mention only SCCP based information, it was discussed and agreed that, whenever possible, the differences should be made clear to avoid misunderstanding from the reader. It was also suggested that some further details could be added to explain the difficulties in analysing CPs.
	4. UPOPs
		1. The group discussed a few comments provided and the author seeked for further clarification in other topics (e.g. paragraph 40).
		2. One representative mentioned the example of the Czech Republic, which was not included yet.
		3. The group discussed the issue of PCP contaminated wood (in the context of UPOPs) and the decision was to change the text for “contaminated wood” only without a reference to which POP.
	5. HCBD
		1. The group did not have any major issue with the document. The author seeked a few clarifications on comments provided.
	6. For all documents, it was agreed that the authors may need to reach out to the members who provided comments for further clarification.
	7. For all documents, it was agreed that the authors will prepare a table explaining which comments were taken into account in the next versions, and when not they will try to provide reasons why not.
	8. The group agreed that some topics, especially LPC and destruction technologies are complex to discuss, and those could merit a face-to-face meeting. The Secretariat clarified that, so far, there is no meeting planned. And if the group would need such a meeting, fund raising should take place soon, in order to organize the meeting before the deadline of documents for the OEWG (early June). Alternatively, the group could meet the day before the OEWG in Geneva, in September this year.
	9. It was agreed that the Secretariat will organize a dedicated online meeting in the next weeks to discuss for one hour LPC and one hour destruction technologies. Based on that, the group may assess better the need for a face-to-face meeting. Following the discussions, the Secretariat called/confirmed the next online meeting on 27/02/2018.
3. **Check of timeline proposed**
	1. The group and authors confirmed that new versions of the guidelines should be made available to the SIWG in early March.
	2. By 31 March - SIWG to provide comments on 5 TGs to the Secretariat/SIWG
	3. For the time being, the group will keep the plan of lead authors to work (during April 2018) on the 3rd revised versions of the TGs, which will become INF documents for the OEWG-11.
	4. Invitation for comments by Parties on the INF documents is still to be confirmed with the SIWG.
4. **Any other matter**
	1. The OEWG-11 meeting is now scheduled for 3 to 6 September 2018.
	2. The discussion on a possible face-to-face meeting will be taken at a later stage.

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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